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March 17, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

TRINIDAD C. HERNANDEZ <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:21-CV-80
	§	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	

ORDER

Plaintiffs filed a motion to approve a settlement for A.A.H., a minor (Dkt. No. 31). After the United States Magistrate Judge held a hearing on the motion, he issued a Report and Recommendation (Min. Ent. 13, 2023; Dkt. No. 35). The Report recommends three dispositions:

1. The Court should find the appointment of a guardian ad litem is unnecessary;
2. The Court should approve A.A.H.'s proposed settlement agreement; and
3. The Court should direct that A.A.H.'s settlement funds be deposited in the District's Court Registry Investment System

(Min. Ent. 13, 2023; Dkt. No. 35). The parties waived their right to object to the Report (Dkt. No. 35 at 4).

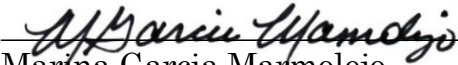
Having reviewed the motion, proposed settlement agreement, and the Report, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report's recommendations (Dkt. No. 35). The Court **FINDS** it is unnecessary to appoint a guardian ad litem for A.A.H. The Court **GRANTS** Plaintiffs' motion (Dkt. No. 31) and **APPROVES** the proposed settlement agreement

(Dkt. No. 34).

Upon receiving A.A.H.'s settlement funds, the Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to deposit the funds into an interest-bearing account consistent with the District's General Order No. 2016-14. *See* S.D. Tex. Gen. Order 2016-14 (Dec. 5, 2016). A.A.H. may withdraw these settlement funds once he reaches eighteen years of age, files the appropriate motion with the Court, and receives the appropriate Court order.

It is so **ORDERED**.

SIGNED March 17, 2023.


Marina Garcia Marmolejo
United States District Judge